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MEDIA ADVISORY

Secretary of State Alex Padilla to Visit Van Nuys High School

VAN NUYS, CA – Secretary of State Alex Padilla continues [High School Voter Education Weeks](#) (April 15-26) at [Van Nuys High School](#) on Wednesday, April 24, 2019.

Secretary Padilla will discuss the importance of voting and the role young people can play in shaping the future through civic participation. Secretary of State staff will be onsite to help high school students register and pre-register to vote.

California is less than a year away from the March 2020 Presidential Primary. In preparation, Secretary Padilla will be encouraging all eligible 16- and 17-year-olds to pre-register to vote. Once pre-registered, their registration will automatically activate when they turn 18. Secretary Padilla will also be highlighting the importance of ensuring California has an accurate count of its residents in the 2020 Census.

In 2018, Secretary Padilla launched a High School Civic Engagement Portal, HighSchool.sos.ca.gov. High school students can learn more about pre-registration, find out how to be a student poll worker, get resources to host a Student Mock Election on their campus, and learn how to organize voter registration drives on their campuses during High School Voter Education Weeks.

The California Education Code designates the last two full weeks in April and September to be High School Voter Education Weeks. This is a unique opportunity for high schools and their students to partner with elections officials to promote civic education and participation on campus and foster an environment that cultivates lifelong voters and active citizens.

***Media interested in attending should RSVP to sos.press@sos.ca.gov**

WHO: California Secretary of State Alex Padilla

WHEN: Wednesday, April 24, 2019
10:15 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.

WHERE: Van Nuys High School
6535 Cedros Ave.
Van Nuys, CA 91411

VISUALS: Assembly and rally with Secretary of State Padilla and students.
Voter registration drive, with students using tablets and paper forms to register to vote.

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